

Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Israel.

AMERICA CANNOT AFFORD ILLEGALS

(Mr. POE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, America cannot afford illegals.

Last year, according to the Los Angeles County Supervisor, "Illegals cost the county \$220 million in public safety, \$400 million in health care, and \$440 million in welfare. Total cost to taxpayers for illegals far exceeds \$1 billion a year, not counting millions for their (free) education."

"This new information," he continued, "shows an alarming increase in the devastating impact illegals continue to have on taxpayers."

Illegals should not receive welfare or government assistance. Many Americans and legal immigrants don't receive needed social services and health care because money is going to those illegally on the land. Try getting treated in any hospital emergency room in the country. The silent secret in the crowded waiting room is that many there are illegals getting health care that someone else—Americans—pay for.

Still doubting? Then wander up to the maternity ward, where the mothers illegally in the United States are having babies at somebody else's expense.

Failure to control the borders allows illegal trespassers to reap what they have not sown and take what they have not earned from America and from legal immigrants.

And that's just the way it is.

IT'S TIME

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Americans are now looking at \$4 a gallon for gasoline. Is it going up to \$5 a gallon?

This is having a severe impact on family budgets. It's kind of a regressive tax on the poor and working people of this country, hitting those hardest who are least able to pay. And low-wage workers who commute are finding an increasingly difficult time being able to survive. It's having a devastating impact on our manufacturing economy.

It's time for a new energy policy. It's time for a massive investment by Detroit in fuel efficiency and retooling and hybrids. It's time to end our reliance on oil. It's time to invest in alternative energy, like wind and solar. It's time to stop wars for resources. It's time to stop aggression in the Middle East. It's time to cooperate internationally to protect the environment. It's time to end NAFTA to make environmental quality principles part of our energy policy. It's time to regain control over America's economy and America's future.

CONGRATULATING NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in the House in congratulating the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team for winning the NCAA Division II National Championship on March 29, 2008. Yesterday, the House of Representatives passed H. Res. 1147, which congratulates the team and the coaches on their impressive victory.

During the championship game, the Norse overcame a nine-point deficit with less than 6 minutes left in the game to beat the University of South Dakota, 63-58. Senior Angela Healy had 14 points and 13 rebounds in the game. In recognition of her performance, Ms. Healy was voted the Elite Eight's Most Outstanding Player.

This win marked the second time in the last decade that the Norse women have won an NCAA national championship in women's basketball. NKU is now the only collegiate women's program in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to win two national titles in any sport.

The Norse team consisted of 11 outstanding women who are not only championship-caliber players, but by all accounts students and leaders who are a credit to their community as well.

Coach Nancy Winstel should be applauded for her excellent leadership and dedication to Northern Kentucky University.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the team, the coaching staff, and the entire Northern Kentucky University community for a great season, and to thank my colleagues for their support of this resolution.

DEMOCRATS WORKING TO BRING RELIEF TO HARDWORKING AMERICANS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, over the last couple of weeks, this House has passed important legislation that is going to provide some much needed relief to hardworking families who are being squeezed by high gas prices, high grocery bills, and a housing crisis that many economists believe has not yet hit rock bottom.

Last week, Congress took decisive action to bring down the price of gas by passing legislation to suspend the filling of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve through the end of the year. After initially opposing the proposal, the President announced last Friday that he would comply. The House also overwhelmingly supported a farm bill conference report that invests \$10 billion

more in nutrition programs that will help 38 million Americans afford healthy food. And earlier this month, we passed housing legislation that stabilizes the housing market and makes a real difference for families at risk of losing their homes.

Mr. Speaker, this month, the House has passed significant legislation that will help all Americans and will basically address the economic downturn. I would hope the President would also support these important initiatives.

COUNTY PAYMENTS: WASCO COUNTY, OREGON

(Mr. WALDEN of Oregon asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, by refusing to renew the Federal county payments program, Congress has broken its promise to rural, timbered America. Counties like Wasco County in Oregon are affected. It has laid off nine people from its road department, seven full-time, two part-time. That's one-third of its entire road department.

The county has more than 700 miles of road, and not a single road construction project is now underway. County Commissioner Sherry Holliday said, "Counties can't do any strategic planning when our budget is totally up in the air." Well, there is a solution, H.R. 3058, a bipartisan 4-year reauthorization of county timber payments. It's been on the Union Calendar and ready for a vote since January 15. The administration has put forward a variety of offsets to pay for it, and yet the Democratic leadership of this House has refused to bring it up for a vote. That's 126 days that H.R. 3058 has been held hostage by the leadership of this House.

It's time to restore the Federal Government's century-old commitment to rural, timbered communities where Federal lands make up so much of their county.

I call on the leadership once again, free H.R. 3058, bring it up for a vote, keep the roads and schools open in rural America.

MEMORIAL DAY

(Mr. KUHLMAN of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUHLMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, when I look out from the steps of the United States Capitol building, I'm always in awe of the sight before me. The memorials beneath the Capitol steps honor the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who wore the uniform and put their country before themselves. They came from farms and cities, from mountains and villages, and from lives of privilege and lives of poverty. They each answered the call when their Nation needed them most. These men and women represented the best